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companies under SMV administration would no longer act as individual and independent firms but would revert to the pre-January 1949 system of centralized control. Firms will no longer be authorized to have accounts with private banks, but will once again conduct all financial transactions through the Soviet Military Bank. All purchases will be made through the Central Purchasing Office on Schottengasse which is to be reactivated.

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2. CHERNOMORSKY, the new director of the SMV, has discontinued all negotiations between the SMV and the Trade Union Federation for a collective contract covering white collar workers. These negotiations began in the spring of 1948, and preliminary agreement had been reached on all clauses except reimbursement of employees who, because of the nature of their jobs, spend a great deal of time away from their homes and thus, in effect, maintain two households.\*\* [redacted] CHERNOMORSKY wants all agreements declared null and void and to begin anew because all previous negotiations had been conducted by RYABININ, and all agreements had been signed by him as director of the SMV. The Trade Union reacted immediately to this announcement [redacted] threatening the SMV with strikes unless his decision were reversed. [redacted] Communist shop stewards in the Trade Union Federation were forced to support their Socialist colleagues in this protest.

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3. [redacted] a new contract is now being negotiated which will tend to protect SMV workers under Austrian law, but there are a great many difficulties which must be resolved before an agreement is reached. The negotiations have been delayed by CHERNOMORSKY and are not to be resumed until 15 May 1949. The main questions are now the so-called monthly house-keeping day for women employees, dismissals of employees without showing cause, overtime payments, and wage rates for skilled workers. [redacted] the latter now receive a wage equivalent to that of an unskilled laborer and many of them with over twenty years service have been dismissed without notice or remuneration as required by Austrian law.

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4. ARSHINOV, Soviet chief bookkeeper of the SMV Schottengasse office, was transferred on 1 April 1949 to a private office at Seilerstaette 6 where he has become the auditor for all the Schottengasse office and subsidiaries. LASTIVKA, a Rumanian, is ARSHINOV's temporary replacement in the Schottengasse office.\*\*\*
5. Dr. JELINEK, an active member of the Austrian Communist Party (KPOe) and former SMV personnel chief in the Zistersdorf area, has been dismissed without notice with the written explanation that he had spent a vacation in the Tyrol and, as an employee dealing with confidential matters, he should have gone only to Lower Austria or the Burgenland.
6. In the middle of April 1949 the following breakdown of the 7,727 persons employed by SMV was prepared for study by Soviet officials.\*\*\*\*

	<u>Workers</u>	<u>Apprentices</u>	<u>Office Employees</u>
Kantgasse, SMV Headquarters	14		43
Schottengasse, SMV Purchasing Office	6		25
Lager Lobau	16		5
Krummussbaum Wirtschaftsgut	11		2
Zentralmagazin Neusiedl	25		12
Maustrenk Bohrbetrieb	353	11	58
Rohoel Gewinnungs A.G., Zistersdorf	610	15	67
Muehlberg Bohrbetrieb	333	5	63
Itag Rannersdorf Bohrbetrieb	322	10	45
Autobasis II, Neusiedl	244	20	34
Hauskirchen Bohrbetrieb	325		55
DEA I, Bohrbetrieb	456	49	98
Van Sickle, Bohrbetrieb	191		37
EFG (Erdoeelproduktion) Bohrbetrieb	314	25	37
Nova-Schwechat Raffinerie	465		92
Kledering, Raffinerie	27		3
Wifo, Lobau Zentraltanklager Raff.	249		64
Korneuburg Raffinerie	183		42
Moosbierbaum Raffinerie	330		63
Okeres-Stockerau Raffinerie	29		8
Bau-Montageleitung Zentr. Baufirma	156		40
Rumpel, Wien, Bohrbetrieb, Versuchsbohrungen, Leitst. Matzen	925	3	122
Rumpel, Siebenhirten Raffinerie	164	1	35
Raffinerie Voesendorf	118		25
Erdgas	65		21
Autobasis Wien	193		20
BV Methan, Rep. Werkstaette, Saemtl. Elektro und Benzinmotore	67		41
Ferngas, Habsburgergasse	35		11
	6,388*****	139	1,199*****

\*  Comment: This is a reversal of the trend indicated  wherein it was reported that firms in the SMV complex had been given increased independence and that the SMV Central Purchasing Office on Schottengasse was to be dissolved.

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\*\*  Comment: The early course of these negotiations in 1948 was reported

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\*\*\*\*\*  Comment: If these columns are added correctly, the sums are 6,206 and 1,168 respectively. The sum of the three columns would then be 7,513 persons. It is possible that there were 8,000 persons in the columns, however.

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